

NEWS FROM RICHMOND AND OTHER PARTS OF VIRGINIA.

OUR RICHMOND NEWS LETTER

Condition of James River Not so Threatening.

DANGER NOT YET AVERTED

The City in Darkness—Affairs With the Governor—Soldiers Discharged—Can't Get a Carter Jury—United States Circuit Court—Damage to Schooners—St. Patrick's Celebration—He Wants His Wife.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 20.—The condition of the river to-day is not as threatening as it has been for four days, but the danger is not averted. The great pack in the river for a distance of a mile and a half above the wharves of the Old Dominion Company is still in existence. It still threatens the destruction of the bridges caught in its grasp, and its sudden breaking would probably do much damage to shipping and residents and manufactures immediately below the point where the engagement begins.

The city has to-day had dynamite used to blow out the gorge. The effort was not successful. The pack seems very solidly frozen. At the lower end it is in many places thirty-five feet high. It reaches at great height at many points. It is believed to be frozen almost to the bottom of the river. At the channel, which is now open at the Richmond end of Mayo's bridge for a distance of a half mile down the river, areas of ice frequently topple over and fall into the current. In doing so they sometimes turn bottom upwards, and nearly always throw up sand from the bottom of the river. This leads to the belief that the ice reaches to the bottom. All the ice carried down through the channels on either side is banking up at a point not half a mile below Mayo's bridge. It will, therefore, be seen that they are affording relief only to the endangered bridges. This is only a temporary nature, as the ice must eventually bank up until the channels under the bridges is closed.

CITY IN DARKNESS.
The city was without gas from shortly before 5 o'clock Sunday morning until after 7 o'clock Sunday night. The stoppage was caused by the water entering the submerged steering main on Cary street.

ANOTHER FRESH THREAT-ENED.

There is going to be a considerable rise in the river. The water at Columbia has risen about seven feet since early Sunday morning and is still rising. A high tide in the river now would cause disastrous results.

AFFAIRS WITH THE GOVERNOR.

Yesterday the Governor received a letter from Thomas Bland, of Albion, Pulaski county, making complaint that his wife had been stolen from him and asking the power of the Governor in having her returned. Bland is a negro. He says a man stole his wife and their three-year-old child last August. He says the statement of facts can be verified by many Pulaski citizens.

SOLDIERS DISCHARGED.

Formerly it was a rare thing for the Governor of the State to have any communication with the War Department, but nearly every day now Governor Tyler receives various communications from this source. The department yesterday notified him of the honorable discharge of the following members of the Fourth Virginia: Privates Benjamin Brawer, Company A; Sherwood C. Bowers, Company M; and Herbert L. Norfleet, Company I, Fourth Virginia Regiment. The two first named are entitled to travel pay.

CAN'T GET A CARTER JURY.

The Henrico County Court convened at 11 o'clock this morning for the third trial of James Penrose Carter, charged with the murder of Charles F. Moore in September last.

It became evident from the start that it would be impossible to secure a jury from among the sixteen. All but two declared that they had read the evidence in the case and had formed opinion which it would require evidence to remove. One of these, however, Mr. Charles Austin, thought that he might possibly give the accused a fair trial, and he was retained on probation. Mr. Austin is distantly related to Mr. Carter by marriage.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals reconvened this morning at 10 o'clock, with Judges Goff, Morris and Brayley on the bench.

No. 238. Southern Railway Company, plaintiff in error, vs. Postal Telegraph Cable Company, defendant in error. In error to Circuit Court of Western District of North Carolina. Continued on Saturday, further argued by J. R. McIntosh for defendant in error and Robt. Stiles for plaintiff in error and submitted.

No. 300. H. A. Christy & Co., appellant, vs. Hygeia Pneumatic Bicycle Saddle Company, et al., appellees. Appeal from United States Circuit Court of Maryland. Argued by Julian C. Dowell, of Washington, D. C., and William A. Redding, of New York, for appellants, and by Arthur Stewart, of Stewart & Stewart, of Baltimore, Md., and Horace Pettit, of Philadelphia, Pa., for appellees and continued until tomorrow morning.

DAMAGE TO SCHOONERS.

Mr. John A. Curtis yesterday received a telegram from Norfolk which gave in brief some idea of the damage to two Richmond schooners and the intense suffering of their crews. The schooner Mary Curtis, Captain Maker, left Charleston, S. C., on February 14th, bound for Richmond, with a cargo of phosphate rock for the Virginia and Carolina Chemical Company. She arrived in Norfolk yesterday after experiencing two weeks of exceedingly rough weather. She drifted about in the blizzard, and her crew suffered intensely from the cold and the snow. There was at times danger of the schooner going to pieces, but by hard work and careful

watching she was finally brought into port. It is not known whether or not she was damaged. The Mary Curtis is a 600-ton craft, and is owned by John A. Curtis and Currie & Parker. The schooner Fanny Brown, Captain Lawson, which is a 900-ton craft, owned by the same parties, did not fare so well. She left Charleston, S. C., on February 8th, bound for New London, Conn. She was loaded with lumber. She was caught in the blizzard and was tossed in high seas for days. Her fore-boom and fore-sail were lost, and also half of her deck load. Her crew suffered intensely from the cold and wind, but nobody was lost. Mr. George L. Currie left for Norfolk to-day to investigate the damage to the two schooners.

TOLD IN PARAGRAPH.
Arrangements for the celebration of St. Patrick's Day were perfected at the annual meeting of the delegates of various Catholic societies, held last evening at Cathedral Hall. The meeting was very largely attended, and much interest was manifested in the appeals for a street parade.

PETERSBURG

The Eloquent Bishop Galloway to Speak Here.

Washington's Birthday to Be Observed—Returned From Scotland—Petersburg Firm Lowest Bidder For Shell—Y. M. C. A.'s Third Debate.

Petersburg, Va., Feb. 20.—Bishop Galloway, of the M. E. Church, South, has been put at the head of the work of the Southern church in the general movement of Methodism to make a twentieth century offering in the interest of education, and has commenced his work in Virginia.

He is advertised to speak in the interest of this cause at Washington Street Methodist Church to-morrow at 8 p. m. The Bishop has the reputation of being the finest orator in the Southern church, and the public will find great pleasure in hearing him. No collection will be taken, as the Bishop desires to fully inform his people and arouse their enthusiasm in behalf of the great cause he represents before asking for any subscriptions.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY.
The observance of the 22d in Petersburg will be the closing of the banks and different government offices, but there will be no military demonstration as there are no military companies in the city. The Daughters of Liberty will observe the anniversary with appropriate exercises at their hall. An interesting program is now being prepared for the occasion. The exercises will consist of singing and recitations. There will also be addresses by Revs. J. W. Rosebro, D. D., and George W. Wray and light refreshments will be served.

RETURNED FROM SCOTLAND.

Mr. W. R. McKwen, a well-known tailor of this city, who has been on a visit to his mother in Scotland, has returned to our city. Mr. McKwen had a very rough voyage and gives a most thrilling account of his trip across the ocean. He was on the ocean nineteen days.

Mr. McKwen was accompanied to Petersburg by his brother-in-law, Mr. Samuel Donnelly, a merchant of New York City.

SHELLS FOR THE GOVERNMENT.

The United States Government Advertiser of the 16th instant says: "The army ordnance office has decided not to make public until to-morrow the bids received for shell. Bids received after the regular opening will be considered, provided it is shown that the proposals were mailed in time to have reached Washington had it not been for the storm which has delayed the mails all over the country. At present the lowest bidder appears to be the Petersburg (Va.) Iron Works Company."

THIRD PUBLIC DEBATE.

Those who attended the two public debates given by the Y. M. C. A. Debating Society were so well pleased that there have been numerous requests received by the society to give another. Appreciating the interest taken in them by the public, this society has decided to give its third public debate in the auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. building on next Tuesday night, February 21st, at 8 o'clock. The subject for discussion will be the national problem of expansion and it will be discussed by four of the young men.

TOWN OF SUFFOLK

A Man With Several Aliases in Trouble.

A Plumber Mistaken For a Tramp—To Elect Trustees—Field of Tour—Obsequies of Mr. Rawles—Per-

sonals.

(Special to Virginian-Pilot.)

Suffolk, Va., Feb. 20.—Charged with participating in a Christmas row, in which knives and blood were prominent, Sergeant Ames on Sunday picked up a man with several aliases. He is known as Henry Ransom, alias Eli Guess, alias King. The prisoner is charged with taking part in a cutting affray in which Carter Tate was painfully stabbed. Ransom and others escaped at the time and had been at large ever since.

Guess was fined \$23 for carrying concealed weapons. The felony case was continued and the prisoner was sent to jail.

TAKEN FOR A TRAMP.

A well known plumber was taken for a hobo a day or two ago, and had to go away from his job. This plumber goes with his face smutty and it's hard to tell his color. He applied at the home of a man whose name is written with a title and asked if the man of the house was in. A young lady met him at the door and said she was sorry, but breakfast wasn't done yet and

there was nothing cold about the pantry. The door closed with a bang.

THE BREHANY COMPANY.

One of the biggest and most fashionable audiences ever in the City Hall Theatre was assembled this evening to attend a performance by the Louise Brehany Ballard and Opera Concert company. Every number was a gem in itself and the rendition altogether formed a harmonious and inspiring whole.

TO ELECT TRUSTEES.

Next Wednesday night at a meeting to be held in the Christian Church two trustees will be elected in place of two who have died. It is an important meeting, one which should be attended by every one interested. There will also be prayer meeting exercises.

A FIELD OF FOUR.

The candidates for Mayor continue to grow in number. There is now a field of four. The latest acquisition in the line of avowed Mayoralty candidates is Mr. R. S. Boykin. Mr. Boykin is from Southampton county, which he represented in the Legislature. He was deputy collector of Internal Revenue under Cleveland.

A NOVELTY.

The City Hall Theatre has been secured for next Monday, matinee and night, at which time a grand cake walk will be given by the "Virginia Troubadours." This style of entertainment has been creating quite a sensation in the cities this season, and they will no doubt prove a drawing card here.

BLAZE ON A ROOF.

There was a small fire this afternoon. The alarm rang at 1:15 from box 22, at Bank and Franklin streets. The blaze was in a mattress on the roof of Mr. Edward Roberts' home. It was extinguished without the need of an engine. The fire probably started from a chimney spark.

MR. RAWLES' FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Eliza Rawles took place Sunday about noon from Beaver Dam Baptist Church. There was a large crowd present, some of whom went from Suffolk. Rev. Mr. Essex preached the funeral.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. Frank Luke, of Newport News, left to-day after a visit to his old home in Suffolk.

Miss Gladys Delvis, concluding a long stay with friends in Suffolk and at Ivy Lodge, left to-day for Portsmouth. She will go from there to New York.

Mr. C. B. Leet, who had been visiting his family in Suffolk, left Sunday afternoon for Washington, D. C.

For the first time within a week the Old Dominion steamer Virginia Dare made a trip up to Suffolk to-day.

Colonel H. Macleary, who is superintending the construction of a railroad in North Carolina, is visiting his family in Suffolk, for a few days.

Mrs. W. G. Elam to-day returned from a stay with relatives in Holland. She was accompanied by Miss Annie Edwards.

Mr. Ben. P. Gay, of Smithfield, has finished a stay with his brother, Mr. John L. Gay, in Suffolk. They are joint administrators of the estate of their father, the late John M. Gay, of Windsor, who left an estate worth nearly \$40,000.

Cliff Jones got home Sunday from a two-weeks' trip to Pittsburgh and other points in North Carolina.

Mr. William E. Cohoon will leave to-morrow for a commercial tour.

Miss Florence Harvey and Mr. Walter V. Ballard sang a beautiful duet at the Christian Church Sunday evening.

Mr. Herbert Brady, of Old Point, on Sunday visited friends and relatives in Suffolk. He used to be in business here.

Mrs. M. J. Cobb, of Brunswick, Me., came Sunday to be with her sons, Messrs. A. and W. E. Cobb. She will remain all winter.

Mrs. Juba Eley, who had been unwell for a week, has nearly recovered.

Virginia Troubadours at the City Hall Theatre Monday, February 21st. Tickets for sale at Brady & Roberts drug-store. feb21-6t

Yankee Investment in Cuba.

A syndicate of American capitalists has just concluded the purchase of a large tract of land in Santiago and will open up many new iron mines which are upon the property. Other investors are looking the island over carefully and inside of five years Yankee enterprise will transform the slow-going country into a place of business activity and push. In much the same manner Hostetter's Stomach Bitters will transform a run-down, debilitated, thin-blooded man into a type of health and strength. It will fill his veins with pure blood, stir up his sluggish liver, drive away his dyspepsia, and clear up his tired brain. It will make him eat well and sleep well, and if his nerves are in bad shape, the Bitters will tone them up and restore their old-time form. Malaria is still another disease that the Bitters are particularly good for.

SUFFOLK ADVERTISEMENTS

WOODARD & ELAM, Insurance Agents Suffolk, Va., are selling a policy for one dollar a year that pays five dollars per week should the holder have typhoid, scarlet or typhus fever, smallpox, Asiatic cholera, yellow fever, diphtheria or measles. All persons over eighteen years of age can get them. Not more than ten policies sold to one person. feb21-6t

NEWPORT NEWS

Explanation With Reference to Jail Contract.

Efforts to Raise Sunk Schooners—Overdue British Steamer Indrani—In-Big Suit Against Electric Railway—Will Build Power Plant.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 20.—The Virginian-Pilot correspondent is in receipt of the following, with a request that it be published:

Washington, D. C., Feb. 17, 1899.

Gentlemen—In your issue of the 21st of January you stated in your paper, through your Newport News correspondent, that contractors for new jail building are required to pull down the walls.

You will please make the following statement:

There was no dispute between the city authorities and the contractors over the lime, sand or mercantile brick. There was a clause in the specifications that says the pressed brick used in the front walls of the building shall be figured at \$18 per thousand, and this was the bone of contention. The contractors claimed this figure meant laid in the walls and the city authorities understood it meant delivered on the site of the building. The contractors purchased pressed brick from Lynchburg and their color did not suit them, and they at once instructed their mechanics not to lay them up. They then purchased another lot of the Potters Clay Company and this lot of brick was the shipment that the Building Committee rejected, and asked the contractors to take down this wall, which was only laid up twenty-one courses of brick, and when the city authorities and the contractors met in joint session this point was the only one in controversy—that is, what was meant by the language in the specifications pressed brick in front of the building to be figured at \$18 per thousand—and the city authorities maintaining one thing, the contractors another.

The city authorities wanted a pressed brick the same color as those used in the front of the Courthouse, so as to have the two buildings of uniform color. When this was known the contractors at once agreed that if this was the only contention, the same would be at once complied with, and that part of the front wall containing the pressed brick referred to is now being taken down and the hydraulic pressed brick being laid in their place, while the contractors feel they are right in their construction of the language of the specifications and could have gained their point in either a law suit or arbitration, they did not subject the city to either expense, but of their own free will and accord made this concession without controversy, and all parties are satisfied. This statement is the naked fact and we desire you to give the same publicity to this article as yours of the 21st of January, and greatly oblige the contractors, THE PAULY JAIL BUILDING AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, B. F. SMITH FIRE-PROOF CONSTRUCTION COMPANY.

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THE SUNKEN SCHOONERS.

An effort was made this morning to pump out the sunken schooner Passadena, which went down below pier No. 7 last Tuesday. After four hours' fruitless pumping by one of the Chesapeake and Ohio tugs the work was abandoned. The Passadena is a valuable schooner recently built, and her owners will make another effort to raise her.

The master of the schooner, W. S. Jordan, which was sunk below pier No. 7 while light, went over to Norfolk this morning for the purpose of making arrangements to have his ship raised. He will engage a tug and the work will commence to-morrow. When aloft, the Jordan will be taken to Norfolk and repaired.

OVERDUE STEAMER IN.

The British steamship Indrani, Captain Gillies, arrived in port to-day from Glasgow, ten days overdue. The vessel experienced terrific gales all the way over, and was very roughly handled.

Captain Gillies' ship sailed from Glasgow January 25 in ballast to load cargo at this port. She had not returned very far out to sea before stiff westerly gales struck her and made it exceedingly unpleasant all the way over.

The weather was severe, and the sea so rough that at times little or no headway could be made.

The cattle pens on the upper deck were washed away and one life-boat was carried away. The ship encountered ice in the North Atlantic.

The Indrani will have her cattle pens repaired here, and will load general cargo for Glasgow.

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